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Iowa Falls

Letter from Rev. George B. Shoemaker.
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EDITOR NEWS:

In the early winter I felt somewhat lonesome, when I remembered that I was a native of Pennsylvania, and so far from my native land, and I concluded I would try and find, if there were in our city, a half dozen or more who were from the old Keystone state. Believing there was virtue in advertising, (a truth which merchants cannot learn too soon) I placed a notice in both of our excellent town papers, asking all who were born in Pennsylvania to send me a card stating where they were born and when they came to Iowa. My largest hopes were, that at most a round dozen might respond. I limited the response to those living in Iowa Falls, Iowa. Presently the response began to come; and as they came, my lonesome feeling disappeared, and at last I was surprised to know there were so many Pennsylvanians around me. Forty-nine (49) persons responded, which, with your humble servant counting one, makes the half a hundred people in Iowa Falls who were born among the everlasting hills of the Keystone state.

The earliest arrival in Iowa of these fifty, was Mrs. Jane G. Woodworth, who came just before the fifties, and the latest arrival was Rev. A. H. Beaver, pastor of the Baptist Church in our city, who came in '98 or '99. We are no mean company, if we were born in the woods. The pastors of the three strongest protestant churches—Methodist, Congregational and Baptist; the editor of one of our splendid weekly papers; one member of one of the largest lumber firms; the agent of the Ill. Central railroad; one of our prominent physicians; a prominent druggist; an ex-editor; a photographer; the oldest married couple in our city who recently celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary; and the tallest man in town, besides other distinguished persons belong to this goodly company. When you go outside of the city limits, the woods is full of them. Some day next summer we will get together for a picnic, and have a chance to see one another.

An old Fulton county boy, C. R. Benedict, has been honored by re-election to the chief clerkship of the Iowa House of Representatives, which recently opened its biennial session in our capital city, Des Moines.

On Sunday, January 5, 1902, we reopened our church. It had been closed for nearly six months while undergoing repairs. During those months we worshipped with the Baptist congregation of our city. The expense of our repairs instead of being \$3,500, as at first estimated, was nearly \$6,000, all of which, with a handsome surplus, was easily provided. We have now a beautiful, modern, and convenient place of worship. We are to begin a protracted meeting early in February, and are looking for a glorious time.

Our winter, with the exception of a brief time in December when the mercury dropped to 30 degrees below zero, has been remarkable for mildness, quietness, and brightness. No sleighing yet, and only one or two light falls of snow. Mercury playing about the freezing point, with occasional drops toward zero, and plenty of bright sunshine. It may be only a "weather breeder" but we will enjoy it while we have it.

We had the pleasure of having all our children home with us for Christmas. It made me think of the gatherings in my father's house, and the great chimney by which we hung our stockings on Christmas eve.

I read recently a story from Ex-Gov. Bob Taylor, of Tennessee, which pleased me much.

An Irishman, an Englishman, and a Jew were together on

Christmas eve. They all hung up their stockings. The Irishman and Englishman concluded to have some fun with the Jew. The Irishman put his gold watch in the Englishman's stocking. The Englishman put his diamond pin in the Irishman's stocking. They put an egg in the Jew's stocking.

Early in the morning the Englishman said:

"Did you get anything Pat?"

"Sure. I got a foine diamond pin, and phat did you get?"

"Oh," said the Englishman, "I got a splendid gold watch."

"And what did you get, Jackie?"

By this time the Jew had taken the egg out of his stocking, held it in his hand and while looking at it, answered, "Vell, I got a shicken, but it got away before I got up."

Wells Tannery.

Miss Irene Jackson of Akersville, is the guest of Mrs. George A. Stewart.

Our genial friend Harry M. Truax, of Altoona, made a flying trip to his home recently.

Mrs. Wm. Salkeld of South Fork, Pa., is visiting her father, George H. Fesler of this place.

Frank Sprowl has been confined to the house for the past week with a severe attack of lagrippe. At present he is improving.

Hon. S. P. Wishart has been suffering for several days with rheumatism. We hope he may soon be restored to his usual health.

We are sorry to note that Mr. D. B. Sipe has been afflicted with a severe pain in his side for several days. We hope it may not prove serious.

Mrs. J. H. Meredith is visiting her many friends in Altoona.

Mrs. A. C. Meredith visited her brother who is lying sick in the hospital at Annesville.

Clarence Horton, who has been slinging paint with J. C. Kirk for two years, has secured a position in Johnstown.

"The Kalico Karnival" at Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Spangler's last Friday evening was a success, both socially and financially.—Twenty dollars was the net sum realized.

Mrs. Randall Childers and her daughter of Rays Cove are spending a few days the guests of G. H. Fesler.

The schools in Wells township are in a prosperous condition and largely attended.

At the residence of the officiating Justice, W. H. Baumgardner, Jesse O. McClain of Robertsdale, and Miss Susan Alloway of New Grenada, were married January 19, 1902.

Knights of the Golden Eagles, of Wells Tannery, will hold a social in their Hall, Saturday evening, January 25th. Oysters, chicken soup, ice cream and cake will be served at reasonable rates. Music will be furnished by the Sprowl Orchestra. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Big Cove Tannery.

The oyster supper was well patronized and some excellent music rendered, by the Big Cove cornet band. A nice sum of money was raised.

Prayer meeting will be held at Wm. Everts's on Saturday evening January 25; also, on Sunday evening at Joseph L. Richards's.

Miss Jennie Morgret of Chambersburg spent the last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Morgret.

Gen. Pedden and Capt. Dotterman visited the homes of J. L. Richards and George W. Deshong last week.

Mrs. A. V. B. Souders is well and hearty.

John Mellott of Minnesota, is visiting his friends in this county.

Miss Lenora Wilson of Welsh Run, is visiting in the home of David Lauver.

Misses Lillian Pott and Emma Ray were out skating Saturday evening.

That Karnival.

The Kalico Karnival announced in last week's "News" to be held at the home of W. H. Spangler in Wells Valley by the members of Pine Grove M. E. Church was a "howling success" in one sense of that participial adjective.

The roads and weather were all that could be desired, and the moon shone beautifully in the clear azure sky, dotted with myriad stars. The air was brisk and invigorating, and not a breeze stirred to mar the stillness and beauty of the night.

Soon after night-fall the pattering of horses feet and the rumbling of vehicles announced that the karnival krowd was coming—and such a krowd—old and young—big and little—nearly a hundred—all bent on having a good social time as well as the scheme a financial success.

Mr. Spangler and his genial wife were "at home" to one and all, and generously gave their entire premises to the pleasure of the karnival krowd.

The ladies were attired in kalico gowns of various designs, colors and patterns—some being made and elaborately trimmed for the occasion. The gentlemen wore ties of kalico and each one was required to furnish one half pound of karpet rags and a needle and thread and were required to sew the rags together. Any one failing in these requirements, was subject to a fine ranging from five to ten cents.

When the karnival of the karpet rags opened, it was enough to make a lineal descendant of Baalam's braying steed laugh to see the men attempt to manipulate a needle by the aid of a thimble. It required a great deal of instruction from the ladies to get the work properly done; but when they were conferring an additional favor on the people of this section of the state.

There was considerable difficulty in wrapping the rags—most of the young people insisted that the proper thing was to wrap them around some one's neck. It is doubtful if those rags ever make filling for a carpet; but if they do not, they furnished fun far beyond their value and if worthless as carpet rags like—

"Imperial Caesar dead and turned to clay
Might stop a hole to keep the wind away."

A handsome sum was realized from fines, and the sale of various articles and other ways, which sum is to be used in erecting a neat ornamental iron fence around the Pine Grove M. E. church in the place of the old wooden one.

With many thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Spangler for their hospitality the karnival krowd repaired to their respective homes bearing most pleasant memories of a most delightful social occasion.

Saluvia.

Mrs. Catharine Edwards, is in ill health at this writing.

William Edwards, of Fairplay, was visiting his brother-in-law, W. A. Strait, Saturday.

Dr. and Mrs. Swartzwelder, of Needmore, were guests of Mrs. Ed. R. Austin, from Saturday until Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Baughman, who had been visiting relatives in this vicinity, returned to their home at Yellow Creek last week.

There is a very interesting revival in progress at the Sideling Hill Christian church. The pastor, Rev. S. L. Baugher, is being assisted by Revs. Logue and Pitenger.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, of Rays Cove, spent several days last week visiting Mrs. Thomas' parents Mr. and Mrs. William Daniels.

The Christian Endeavor Society of Green Hill will be reorganized next Sunday evening, at 6.30 o'clock. All are cordially invited to attend.

Editor B. W. Peck accompanied Rev. Dr. West to Green Hill Sunday evening, and gave a very interesting and instructive talk to the young people after the sermon.

Married Life in Fulton County.

From Public Opinion.

During the twelve months composing the year 1901 Prothonotary F. P. Lynch granted 51 licenses, thereby making 102 souls happy.—"Fulton County News."

The editor of the "Fulton County News" is B. W. Peck, as fine a man as lives in Fulton county and an observant citizen who arrives at conclusions only after great deliberation. Therefore, when Editor Peck tells us that 102 souls were made happy we must believe that married life in Fulton county is one continual dream of bliss; a spot on earth where men cut the wood, carry the coal, dress the youngsters, and when occasion demands, wash the dishes; where women endure the jokes of their husbands, believe them when they tell stories of being out late at lodge meetings, never doubt their stories of sitting up with sick friends and are satisfied that the lord of the household is all the Almighty intended he should be.

Those person who have been in doubt as to the advisability of getting married are indebted to Editor Peck, who has cleared the atmosphere. The oldest male applicant for a license was 65 and the oldest female petitioner 44. The cynic would say that if persons who had reached these ages were foolish enough to get married the younger members of the community were furnished salutary lessons.

If Mr. Peck will tell those of us who have been married for some years and find the coal bills just as large as ever, the butcher unwilling to let go his tenacious grip on our purse and the shopman firm in his demand for prompt settlements, how to cope with distressing situations, he'll be conferring an additional favor on the people of this section of the state.

Olpe, Kansas.

Letter from John H. Winter, formerly of Olpe, Kansas.

EDITOR NEWS:—

While reading your excellent paper, and remembering the days that have passed almost a half century, I thought in all probability you and your patrons would like to have some news from "Sunny Kansas."—Before Christmas—I think about the 12th to 15th of December—we had a very cold wave. The night of the 13th the thermometer registered six degrees below zero; since Christmas we have had fine weather. Some days the mercury has been up to 80 and 90—one day to 98; but we need rain now. We have had no rain to swell the streams since last summer, which has been a little hard on the farmer. It reduced the corn crop one-half, or maybe two-thirds. The late corn was nearly destroyed by the canker worm; the hay crop was light, which brings dry feed to a good price. Hay has been selling at \$10 a ton; corn, 80 cents a bushel, and wheat, 60 cents. Potatoes are scarce.

We have some trouble with Dutch Catholics in our town; they all want to run joints or saloons in violation of the law, and the L. & O. gets after them. They are controlling our school; they have the board of directors, and have put in a Catholic for teacher. They are running a school of their own; this may seem strange but this is true; but we have not yet been ordered to kiss the great toe of the Pope and I don't think that "Yanks" can do it without upsetting him.

I must stop my scribbling in wishing you and my old chums in the old Keystone State a prosperous year.

It Girdles the Globe.

The fame of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, as the best in the world, extends round the earth. It's the one perfect healer of Cuts, Corns, Burns, Bruises, Sores, Scalds, Boils, Ulcers, Follens, Aches, Pains and all Skin Eruptions. Only infallible Pile cure. 25c a box at W. S. Dickson's

Ridgway, Pa.

Letter from George E. Croft, formerly of Tow Township.

JANUARY 17, 1902.

DEAR EDITOR:—

On the top of the Allegheny mountains lies the town of Ridgway with many beautiful buildings. It is situated along the banks of the Clarion river, and is the county seat of Elk county. Among the many fine buildings is one of the finest opera houses in the State. We have good mountain water and always plenty. We have had snow for six weeks and good sleighing most of the time. The mercury has been as low as 18 deg. below zero.

It would seem strange to a Fulton county boy here not to hear the sound of the buck saw or axe in the shed or back yard, or to see no smoke coming from the chimneys; but the people here all use natural gas for fuel. We need no stove pipe, nor no kindling; just light a match, turn on the gas, and soon there will be a hot stove.

Ridgway has a population of 8,000, which is made up of most every class and nation on the globe.

We have eight different christian denominations and churches of which the Methodists are the strongest. While there are many people trying to do good, we have nine saloons. If you go to church you will see them filled; if you go to the saloons, you will see them filled, and the men in them filled.

We have good railroad facilities. We have the R. & C.; B. R. & P.; and the P. & E. With the last named the writer is employed at a salary of fifty dollars per month, checking freight.

We pay a good price for every thing in the way of produce.—Eggs, 35 cents; butter, 30c; lard, 14c; ham 16c; apples, 45 cts. a peck; potatoes, \$1.25 a bushel; onions, 25 cts. a peck; chickens, live, 35 to 40 cts. a pair, &c.

This is no farming country. The soil is thin, and yellow clay. It don't pay to farm. I haven't seen a fence since I came here—in, or out, of town.

We have two large tanneries, dynamo and engine works, the Ridgway Manufacturing Co., Hyde & Murphy planing mill, and the Standard Axe & Tool Works.

But there is no place like "Old Fulton" to me, and may God speed the day when Fulton will have a railroad, with manufacturing establishments, and enterprising capitalists to develop her rich natural resources, then we Fulton county boys would all return and be happy among the friends of our boyhood.

New Grenada.

Clara Mills the up-to-date clerk and stenographer in Union Central Life Insurance Company's office at Altoona, is spending a few days visiting her old home in this place.

Gertie Cook of East Broadtop, visited friends here Saturday and Sunday.

Laura Black has been nursing a very badly scalded arm for several days.

Harry Truax of Altoona, was in our valley Saturday calling on friends. He has a clerical position in the P. R. R. freight office in Altoona.

Annie Fesler of Windber, Pa., is taking a few weeks' outing and visiting among her many friends in Wells.

J. H. Edwards of Portage, paid our town a business visit last week.

Paul says, Clyde came home at daylight Sunday morning and ate three whole pies and then went to bed. Pretty good pie eater, sure.

Waterfall Lodge No. 773 I. O. O. F. moved on Saturday to the new P. O. S. of A. hall in New Grenada, which is much more convenient. They are now ready to have the "Goat" give all good fellows who apply or wish to join their order, the "Grand Bumper" degree. Send along your names.

Irwin Crider has treated himself to a new buggy. Now, girls, where are you?

Money Not Everything.

You cant sleep at night? Because you're not a millionaire? You think all one needs in this world to make him happy is money, do you? Well, put on your spectacles, and we will take a peep at one—Mr. John D. Rockefeller—easily the richest man in this country. He has an income of a hundred thousand dollars a day. Probably you would like to exchange places with him. Let's see. Since 1891 he has been so delicate that it is impossible for him to eat a hearty meal. On his estate of 2,000 acres in the Pocomantic Hills he often works for days at a time in the fields, hoping to regain his strength, but thus far his efforts have been in vain.

He has a fine 18-hole golf course but cannot play over it for fear of overtaxing his strength. After a day of exercise he sits down to a supper of crackers and skimmed milk, which is served at a temperature of 98 2.5 degrees, for nothing may pass his lips at a temperature lower than blood heat. Ice has been for years a forbidden luxury for him.

Mr. Rockefeller must walk every day whether he wants to or not. He often walks from his home, in Fifty-fourth street, to his office, 26 Broadway. He cannot smoke cigars, drink wines or liquors, drive his fast horses or sail in his fine yacht. Any one of these pastimes would upset him and make him sick for months.

Lewis Carpenter.

Mr. Lewis A. Carpenter, a former resident of this county passed peacefully away, at his late home in Altoona, January 2, 1902. The cause of death was heart failure superinduced by old age.

Mr. Carpenter was born in Fredricktown, Maryland, in 1820, and was therefore in his 82nd year. In early boyhood he joined the Methodist church at Bedford and resided there for a number of years. In 1840 he married Miss Rachel Hoop, of the same place. By occupation he was a tanner and the greater part of his early manhood was spent in Fulton county, where he conducted a tannery near Crystal Springs, and was well and favorably known in both Bedford and Fulton counties.

He is survived by his wife, who is in her 85th year, one brother, Mr. Joshua Carpenter, of Johnstown, and one sister, Mrs. Sarah Peck, of Duncansville, and also by the following children, John W., of Tensleep, Wyoming; Maggie Evans, of East Freedom; Allen E., of Texarkana, Arkansas; J. Franklin, of Newton, Kansas; William A., Mrs. Lorena Bingham, George H., and Mrs. Carrie Brumbaugh, all of Altoona, Pa. He is also survived by forty-nine grandchildren and twenty-seven great grandchildren. In 1871 with his family he moved to Cumberland Valley, Bedford county, and resided there until 1881, since which time he has been a resident of Altoona. The funeral was held January 4th, in the First Methodist church of Altoona, services conducted by Rev. H. L. Jacobs, which was largely attended by friends and relatives, interment followed in Fairview cemetery. Six grandsons acted as pallbearers, they were Allen and Fred Evans, Charles Carpenter, Allen Brumbaugh, George and Edgar Bingham.

For Sale or Rent.

Will sell or rent our house, and store room stocked with an up-to-date line of General Merchandise. A bargain for the right party. We do a strictly cash business, and do the business of the town. Reason for disposing of stand—settling up my father's estate.

All persons owing estate of Thomas W. Huston, dec'd, will please settle by Jan. 31, 1902, as books will be placed in proper hands for collection after that date.

HARRY E. HUSTON,

Executor,
Clear Ridge, Pa.

Personals.

Charlie Hess of Licking Creek township was in town Monday.

John Bowman of Burnt Cabins spent a day last week at the County Seat.

Merchant Charley McGeehe of Burnt Cabins spent Monday at McConnellsburg.

Mrs. A. W. Brown of Clear Ridge called at the News office while in town last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Mellott and daughter Maude spent Saturday at McConnellsburg.

Mr. Thomas Truax of Thompson township was a pleasant caller at the News office Monday.

Merchant Joe W. Lake of Pleasant Ridge was a business caller at the News office last Saturday.

Levi Mellott and S. Logue Wink of Sipes Mills were among our agreeable callers last Saturday.

Rush Jackson who has been in Altoona for several weeks is visiting his mother Mrs. Lou Jackson.

Mr. John B. Sipes paid his respects to the News office while in town Friday. (A dollar in advance for another year's subscription.)

Mrs. D. L. Brewer, of Hicksville, Md., and her son Fred, spent last week visiting Mrs. Brewer's sister, Mrs. D. M. Kendall in the Cove.

Mr. James H. Kendall of the Cove left Monday for Greenwood Furnace, Huntingdon county, to finish an unexpired term of teaching in a public school.

Charlie Runyan of Warfordsburg and Alex Mann of Morrow county, O., spent last Friday and Saturday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Mann of this place.

J. F. Hess was in town Monday. He is carrying his left hand in a sling, the result of a serious cut with an axe while chopping wood one day last week. With his family he has moved from the "McClellan House" in Belfast to the tenant house of Charles W. Hess in Licking Creek township.

Hustontown.

The oyster suppers held here on Friday and Saturday evenings were a success in every respect, and a nice sum of money was realized.

Mr. Elmer Kell of Shade Gap, spent Sunday with Superintendent Chesnut.

Miss Rachel Taylor who has been at Cassville for some time, returned to her home last week.

Ex-Commissioner Corbin attended to some business in this place last Saturday.

Miss Kirk of West Dublin is spending a few days with Jacob Lamberson's family.

William Ranck is all smiles—it is a new son, Ha? Ha?

B. H. Shaw has rented his house to The American Telegraph and Telephone Co. They will occupy same by February 1.

Mr. and Mrs. George Clevenger have returned from their visit to Pittsburg. They report a very pleasant time.

Why should we not have a Memorial sermon preached on McKinley Day? Ex-President Cleveland recently made the statement that President McKinley ranked first among the Presidents as a christian man and always placed Christianity at the head of all his undertakings. Why should the christian people fail to respect a leader of this kind? It is hoped steps will be taken towards an appropriate service on this occasion.

Dr. A. K. Davis made a business trip to McConnellsburg last week.

Children Poisoned.

Many children are poisoned and made nervous and weak, if not killed outright, by mothers giving them cough syrups containing opiates. Foley's Honey and Tar is a safe and certain remedy for coughs, croup and lung troubles, and is the only prominent cough medicine that contains no opiates or other poisons. All dealers.